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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Gunji et al.

Application No.: 10/716,480

Filing Date: November 20, 2003

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACID USING METHYLOTROPH

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Achutamurthy

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME****Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, one month(s) to September 23, 2005.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge ☒ the credit card identified in the accompanying PTO-2038 or ☐ our deposit account 50-2821 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

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